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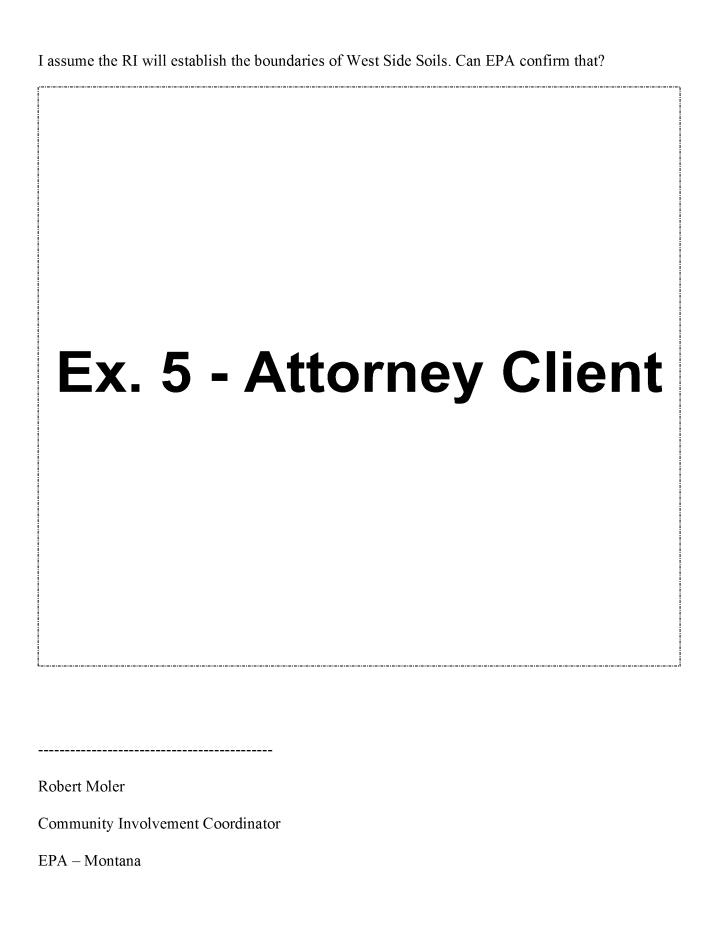
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Nikia,

Please see below Susan's questions below. I tried to get the ball rolling with draft responses in blue. Susan's deadline is COB today and we still need to coordinate with R8 for EPA review and green light. Please let me know your changes as soon as possible.
Thanks.
Q's & draft A's
I understand that EPA is going to begin the remedial investigation into West Side Soils Priority Unit in fall 2018. Can EPA confirm that?
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Hi Robert and Rich,

I understand that EPA is going to begin the remedial investigation into West Side Soils Priority Unit in fall 2018. Can EPA confirm that?

How long would that be likely to take?

As part of the RI, will EPA establish who the responsible party or parties are?

Has a project manager been established? If not, will one be established before the RI begins?

I assume the RI will establish the boundaries of West Side Soils. Can EPA confirm that?

What will be some of the work for an RI in West Side Soils? Soil sampling?

Will Blacktail Creek east of the Lexington Avenue bridge (boundary for BPSOU) be sampled?

Will Blacktail Creek bed, bank and sediment be sampled east of Lexington Ave. bridge?

Since so much of West Side Soils is comprised of personal property, how will EPA proceed?

Dr. John Ray is calling for the RMAP program to be fully implemented in West Side Soils. I know it is partially implemented there. Would it be possible for the RMAP program to be fully implemented in West Side Soils before the RI is complete?

Deadline Monday end of day.

Thanks,

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